

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-18. Cancelled

19. (Currently Amended) A mobile device comprising:

a first segment;

a display assembly accessible on a front surface of the first segment; and

a second segment slideably coupled to the first segment to move between a contracted position and an extended position, wherein an overall width of the mobile device is (i) maximized when the second segment is in the extended position, and (ii) minimized when the second segment is in the contracted position,

~~so that~~ wherein the overall width of the mobile device is reduced when the second segment is moved towards the contracted position from the extended position so that when the second segment is in the contracted position the second segment is overlaid and external to the first segment; and

a set of one or more input mechanisms provided on the second segment so as to be exposed when the second segment is in the extended position and not when in the contracted position.

20. (Previously Presented) The mobile device of claim 19, wherein the display assembly is contact-sensitive.

21. (Previously Presented) The mobile device of claim 20, wherein all of the display assembly is accessible to receive contact as input when the second segment is in the extended position.

22. (Previously Presented) The mobile device of claim 20, wherein the display assembly includes an immediate character recognition section configured to immediately recognize and display a character entry, and wherein a portion of the display assembly that is overlaid by the first segment includes the immediate character recognition section.

23. (Currently Amended) The mobile device of claim 20, wherein the display assembly includes a first section having a cross-section comprising a digitizer pad and a screen, and a second section comprising the digitizer pad without the screen, and wherein a portion of the display assembly that is overlaid by the first ~~housing~~ segment includes the second section.

24. (Previously Presented) The mobile device of claim 19, further comprising a midframe coupled to the first segment and the second segment.

25. (Previously Presented) The mobile device of claim 24, wherein the midframe includes a first rail, and wherein the second segment includes a first connecting member that is engaged to the first rail, the first connecting member moving a distance in the first rail to enable the second segment to move between the contracted position and the extended position.

26. (Previously Presented) The mobile device of claim 24, wherein the midframe includes a first rail and a second rail, and wherein the second segment includes a first connecting member and a second connecting member, the first connecting member being engaged to the first rail, the second connecting member being engaged to the second rail, the first connecting member and the second connecting member each moving a distance in the respective first rail and second rail to enable the second segment to move between the contracted position and the extended position.

27-44. Canceled

45. (Currently Amended) A mobile device comprising:
a first segment;
a second segment moveably coupled to the first segment to move between a contracted position and an extended position, wherein an overall width of the mobile device is (i) maximized when the second segment is in the extended position, and (ii) minimized when the second segment is in the contracted position, and wherein the overall width of the mobile device is reduced when the second segment is moved towards the contracted position as compared to when the second segment is in the extended position;
so that when the second segment is in the contracted position the second segment is overlaid and external to the first segment;
a display assembly provided by the first segment; and
a set of one or more input mechanisms provided on the second segment, the set of one or more input mechanisms including at least a multi-directional mechanism having a plurality of actuation states, including one or more directional actuation states and a center actuation state corresponding to a central contact of the multi-directional mechanism, wherein the multi-directional mechanism is operable to enable the user to enter selection input, including input for selection of displayed data corresponding to any one or more of a menu item, a data entry, or an application being displayed on the display assembly;
wherein when the second segment is in the contracted position, the first segment and the second segment are at least partially overlaid, so that access to at least one of either the multi-directional mechanism or the display assembly is at least partially blocked.

46. (Previously Presented) The mobile device of claim 45, wherein the display assembly is contact-sensitive.

47. (Previously Presented) The mobile device of claim 45, wherein the multi-directional mechanism includes a set of one or more buttons.

48. (Currently Amended) The mobile device of claim 45, wherein ~~the first one or more of the input mechanisms from the set of input mechanism~~the first one or more of the input mechanisms from the set of input mechanisms includes a plurality of one or more mechanical input mechanisms.

49. (Currently Amended) The mobile device of claim 45, wherein the first segment overlays the second segment so that the display assembly covers at least a portion of ~~the first one or more of the input mechanisms from the set of input mechanism~~the first one or more of the input mechanisms from the set of input mechanisms.

50. (Previously Presented) The mobile device of claim 45, wherein the second segment is configured to slide towards and away from the first segment.